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We Are Back!

After being put on PAUSE by Governor Cuomo's plan to slow the spread of Covid-19, we are happy to report that we are back at the University of Rochester Medical Center! The focus continues to be learning the skills to help obtain and keep a job. Once again, our interns are working in positions which help support the incredible work being done in the hospital, while being provided with valuable skill building activities and opportunities.

the opportunity to experience here in Project SEARCH at URMC. It is a very exciting time for everyone as we continue to learn skills and grow as people. The goal of finding competitive employment remains our focus, even during these challenging times.

It has been a very busy time of year for our new interns. Before they even set foot in the facility, they learned about the expectations of working at URMC by completing all of the In-Service Packet. Next came the Medical Blitz to ensure that they were up-to-date on vaccines and in good health. They got their photo ID badges. They learned about navigating the hospital by working on a scavenger hunt to help them become familiar with the many places in the hospital where they might find themselves. (Did you know there are 4 places to buy lunch?) They've learned how to sign-in at Friends of Strong and what hospital protocol looked like. Interns now know that good deeds, compliments on their work and other positive behaviors can earn them the chance to get a pickle-prize. Everyone has been working on proper hand-hygiene, social distancing and proper use of PPE (Personal Protective Equipment). It has been a crazy, whirlwind of activity!

Today, the interns have started out on the first of three rotations that they will have



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Interns in the Spotlight



Trinahtye wants you to know that she is goofy, helpful, hard-working, friendly and very chill. When she isn't at Project SEARCH, Trinahtye likes to go to her grandparent's house, watch TV and TikTok videos. Here at Project SEARCH, Trinahtye is working on her job skills, becoming more independent and gaining self-confidence. Trinahtye is currently working in the NICU where she collects the soiled linens, stocks items in the babies' rooms, folds clean blankets and diapers. After Project SEARCH, Trin would like to work with babies in a daycare or become a nurse and work in a hospital. Trinahtye says that even though she is a shy person, she can be goofy and fun to be around.



Justin would like you to know that he is funny, happy and friendly. When he isn't at Project SEARCH, Justin likes to sleep and play his video games. Justin is currently working on finding his way around the hospital. He is also working on his time management skills and maintaining his good attendance. Justin currently works in the Ambulatory Care building, where he cleans, sanitizes and stocks exam rooms. After Project SEARCH ends, Justin would like to find a job as a cleaner. Justin would like you to know that he is polite, helpful and respectful.



Sevin describes himself as being a funny and easy-going guy. He's a hard-worker. At the moment, Sevin is looking forward to moving out and getting his own apartment. Sevin is also working on getting his driver's license. While in Project SEARCH, Sevin has been working on work related skills, as he gets ready to transition to a food related internship closer to his home. Currently, Sevin holds a part-time job in a local country club where he washes, dries and puts away dishes. He also does other kitchen related tasks. Sevin loves washing dishes and really likes getting paid for his hard work. When he is not at Project SEARCH, Sevin like to hang out with his friends.



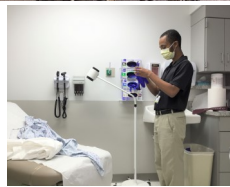
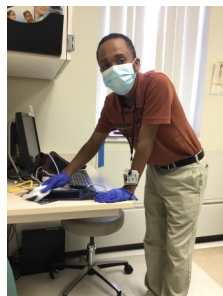
Shandon would like you to know that he prefers to be called Shawn. Shawn is hard-working, funny and cool. When he isn't working at Project SEARCH, Shawn likes to chill with his friends and make money. Shawn is a rapper and likes to produce music. For Shawn, being a part of Project SEARCH means that he will be able to gain the skills he needs to get a job. Currently, Shawn is working in Equipment Transport, where the main focus of his job is moving wheelchairs, stretchers and beds to various parts of the hospital where they will be used for patients. After Project SEARCH, Shawn is hoping to find work in the music industry or at URM.

A Typical Day at Project SEACH

- 7:20 am and 7:45 am - arrive at URM
- 7:45 We start class in the Training Room.
- 8:45 Leave for our Internship sites
- 9:00 Arrive on internship site for work
- 11:00 Lunch - 30 minutes
- 11:30 Back to work
- 1:30 Leave job site
- 2:00 Leave for home

Internship Sites

Our interns gain valuable employment experience by working in a variety of locations around the Medical Center. Our rotation sites have included the NICU (Neonatal Intensive Care Unit), OR, Environmental Services Office, Gift Shop, AC5 and AC6—Stocking, Hospital Stores, Linen Department, Café 601, The Children's School at URM, Totes, Food and Nutrition - Stock Orders, Cold Food Prep, In-Patient and Employee Pharmacy, Porter and Equipment Transportation. We are always looking for new internship sites within the hospital, giving interns the best opportunities for learning skills to get and keep a job.



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